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Dr. Michael Delaney, Chair Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board Massachusetts Water Resource Authority 190 Tafts Ave. Winthrop, MA 02152

Dear Dr. Delaney:

Thank you for the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board's (ELAB) letter, dated October 17, 2018, to Dr. Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, regarding Minimum Criteria for using Selected Ion Monitoring (SIM) in EPA measurement methods. EPA appreciates input on techniques to improve the performance of our instrumentation and the hard work that ELAB has undertaken to produce the final Criteria.

We have provided the EPA Scientific Support Panel, comprised of representatives from all EPA Offices and Regions, ELAB's final Minimum Criteria for SIM Methods for distribution to all relevant personnel within their Office and Region for their consideration. As this is the final Criteria, EPA does not anticipate any further action with ELAB on this issue.

Sincerely.

Tom Sinks, Ph.D.

Director

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